



ADVISORY NOTICE

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SUBJECT: Level-C Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

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The following guidance is intended to help those services needing to purchase Level-C personal protective equipment (PPE) sets in addition to those distributed by the Department of Health and the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency.

To comply with the Rhode Island *Ambulance Minimum Equipment List*, each Level-C PPE set must consist of the following:

- (1) Bullard PA-30 (PA30PREPL1) Powered Air-Purifying Respirator (PAPR) with lithium ion battery
- (1) Dupont SL 122 TWH Chemical Protective Clothing (CPC) size XXXL (or equivalent)
- (1) Pair 14" butyl gloves
- (1) Pair PVC chemical protective boots
- (1) 10-yard roll of chemical tape (duct tape NOT an acceptable substitute)
- (1) Duffel bag for storage

During the roll-out of the *Major Incident* protocol, it was anticipated that services would be able to purchase additional suits at the same price paid by the State to the contracted vendor. Unfortunately, due to the State purchasing process, this has not turned out to be the case. However, many vendors offer this equipment and services should obtain multiple quotes to receive the best price. While the Department of Health cannot endorse any particular vendor(s), the following list is provided for your convenience:

Fisher Safety	http://www.fishersafety.com	(888) 263-5319
Lab Safety Supply	http://www.lss.com	(800) 356-0783
Northern Safety	http://www.northernsafety.com	(888) 201-6070
Safety, Inc.	http://www.esafetyinc.com	(800) 462-1103
W.W. Grainger	http://www.grainger.com	(888) 361-8649

Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding this matter, please contact the Division of EMS at (401) 222-2401 or email sam.adams@health.ri.gov.